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Unable to See Any Valid Objection, He Says, to the Location as Selected.

An investigation into the causes for the present agitation in regard to the proposed central heating plant was asked for today by Representative Cresser of Ohio, who introduced a resolution to empower a subcommittee of the House District committee to make the investigation. When asked why he introduced this resolution Representative Cresser said:

"I think the Potomac Electric Light and Power Company is largely responsible for the present agitation. It is the company which has made the most of the situation. In order to make itself sure and to settle the question, I have introduced this resolution and am prepared to back it up."

Provisions of Resolution.

"The first two paragraphs of the Cresser resolution outline the details of the investigation for the central heating plant. The remainder of the resolution declares:

"Active efforts are being made, for motives and reasons not fully disclosed, to prevent the construction of the said plant and to obstruct the progress of the same. It is the duty of the House of Representatives to see that the people of the United States are not misled by the propaganda of the power plant. Therefore, a subcommittee of the House District committee is hereby authorized and directed to make an immediate and thorough investigation into the causes and reasons back of and inspiring the efforts to prevent the construction of the central heating plant, and to report thereon to the House of Representatives."

Senator Martin for Plant.

"I see no objection to the erection of the proposed central power and heating plant for the government on the site selected at the foot of 14th street," said Senator Martin of Virginia today. Senator Martin is chairman of the Senate District committee and also chairman of the conference committee which now has before it the urgency deficiency bill, in which the Senate placed the amendment prohibiting the construction of the central plant until the fine arts commission and the board of public works have given their approval of the plan.

"I have visited the site," continued Senator Martin, "and I do not see any valid reasons why the construction should not go on. Of course, I look upon the proposed plant as a matter of fact, by the erection of this plant, the number of smokestacks which now belch forth much smoke will be done away with."

DEFENSE BILLS PASSED

Senate Adopts Measure for Enlarging Navy Yards and Increasing Academy Classes.

President Wilson will have an immediate opportunity to sign the first of the national defense measures, the Senate today having passed the resolution making \$600,000 available for re-equipping Mare Island and New York navy yards and the bill increasing by 300 the entrance class at Annapolis Naval Academy. They passed the House Monday.

BILL CALLS FOR CHANGES

Measure Adopted by House Provides Rearrangement of Patent Office Examiners.

The House today passed the Morrison bill providing for a rearrangement of the examining force in the patent office, something which has been urged for several months past.

SENATE BILL REGULATES PRACTICE

The Senate today passed a bill prohibiting any attorney or other person practicing before the patent office from using the name of any senator or representative or any official of the government to advertise his business.

BRITISH LABOR LEADER TO SPEAK

Cornelius Lehane, labor leader and socialist, is announced to speak on the British Labor Movement, Congregational church, Friday evening at 8 o'clock under the auspices of the socialist party. The public is invited.

FRENCH RADIO STATION IN OPERATION NEAR SALONIKI.



German ships are chiefly interested in their specific commodities and I have talked it over with Chairman Harlan.

"It is the desire of the commission that you open the argument for the public and I will close. Between will come the other arguments, the railroads opening and closing the whole case. I said to Mr. Brandeis that it would be impossible for me to open at that time because I was physically unable, and also that I wanted to follow the attorneys for the shippers. I was afraid that men interested in special commodities might be tempted to concede Thorne's four railroads needed more revenue, but that it should not apply to their particular commodities."

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SOON TO COMPLETE CASE OF LUSITANIA

Germany's Latest Proposal Substantially Satisfactory to United States.

NOTICE OF THE CHANGES FORWARDED TO BERLIN

Adjustment of Controversy Without Further Diplomatic Correspondence Is Confidently Predicted.

Germany's latest proposal in the Lusitania case having proved, in substance, satisfactory to the United States, final settlement of the controversy is expected within a few days.

One of the changes in the Lusitania agreement suggested by Secretary Lansing to Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, is the substitution of the words "recognizes liability" for the words "assumes liability," which were employed in the tentative draft.

It is understood that upon this change and others described also as minor is based the present view of high officials that the two governments are "substantially in accord," although not wholly so.

No new difficulty is expected here from the change of words. It is felt that the German government will not assume a liability which it would not recognize.

Minor Changes to Be Made.

Alterations, however, in the form of the agreement, regarded as minor ones are to be made to meet the wishes of the United States government and involve the dispatch of the proposal again to the Berlin foreign office. One of the changes, it is stated authoritatively, is the inclusion of the word "shall" specifically include the statement that it was in answer to the last American note.

Submitted as Precaution.

The changes were suggested to Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, by Secretary Lansing late yesterday after President Wilson and his cabinet had gone over the latest proposal of Germany. The ambassador afterward submitted the whole matter by cable to the Berlin government for final approval.

Count von Bernstorff informed the Secretary that he saw no reason why the changes could not be made, but, as a precaution, he thought he would submit the matter to the President for final approval. He did so in a dispatch sent to Berlin last night.

Concessions by Germany.

Germany agrees in the proposed communication that reprisals should not be directed at other than enemy subjects, expresses regret and assumes liability for the American lives lost in the Lusitania disaster, offers reparation in the form of indemnity and declares that the British Isles have been modified out of regard for the long-standing friendship between the United States and because American citizens have lost their lives.

Statement by Prominent Official.

A high official of the administration made this announcement:

SHIP'S STAY INDEFINITE, IS GERMANY'S CONTENTION

Berlin Foreign Office Claims Right for Captured Liner Appam Under Prussian Treaty.

Germany contends that the British liner Appam brought to Hampton roads by a German prize crew is entitled, under the terms of the Prussian-American treaty, to remain in American waters indefinitely, and in support of her position Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, has presented to Secretary Garrison a communication on behalf of the Berlin foreign office.

G. A. R. LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY PLANS.

A program of speeches, recitations and anecdotes on Lincoln will be a feature of the celebration of the 107th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth by John A. Rawlins Post No. 1, G. A. R., Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

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